

## Message from the Principal



I would like to start by thanking staff, students and parents for all their support through this term. Although it has been shorter than others, we have packed a lot in and shown resilience in the face of strikes and snow. Thank you for your support in helping your children access online learning during those days. We were pleased to be able to have Year 11 on site during the strike days and want to say a big thank you to all staff who worked hard to make this a successful day for them.

Please take some time to read about what staff and students have been up to this half term. As always, it has been a busy one with lots to celebrate. As a college we encourage students to learn about the world around them by educating themselves and supporting different causes. This half term we raised £600 for Red Nose Day. Once again, our students, parent and staff demonstrated immense generosity and a willingness to give whatever they can to those less fortunate than themselves.

We were thrilled to host an Inclusion Quality Mark assessor a couple of week's ago and confirm our status as a flagship school for all the wonderful work which takes place to promote diversity across the school. This is not just an add on – we want to see visibility and representation for all groups of people embedded in both our academic curriculum and in the personal development curriculum we offer students. Next term we will be reaching out to see if any parents want to join us in developing this work so look out for an invitation from Ms Ladha.

We are always grateful for the feedback we receive from parents and this term we received the results of the survey which was sent out at the end of January. Please see inside for further information about this and how we plan to respond to areas you have identified for improvement.

Please take note of all the support services and agencies who are available to help you and the students over the holidays.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes  
Mrs Angus



## IMPORTANT dates to remember

- ⇒ **31 Mar** College closes
- ⇒ **3-4 Apr** Yr 11 Onsite Easter Revision Sessions
- ⇒ **17 Apr** College opens
- ⇒ **20 Apr** Little Shop of Horrors
- ⇒ **21 Apr** Little Shop of Horrors
- ⇒ **26 Apr** Yr 9 Speed Networking Event
- ⇒ **1 May** Bank Holiday (May Day)
- ⇒ **8 May** Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
- ⇒ **25 May** Yr 7 Parents' Evening
- ⇒ **26 May** College Closes

SPRING TERM DATES 2023	
College Closes	Friday 31 March

SUMMER TERM DATES 2023	
College Opens	Monday 17 April
May Day	Monday 1 May
Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
School Opens	Monday 5 June
College Closes	Friday 14 July

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Thank you for your support with attendance and punctuality. We are pleased to share with you that our overall attendance is above National and we are top 4 schools for the best attendance in the city. Our aim is to continue this upward trend in the term ahead.

### ROUTINE

The easiest way to ensure you attend school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.

It would be good for you to prepare for your return to school next week. Try setting your alarm, getting up and dressed and having your breakfast at the same time you would when in school. This will help you establish a good routine.



### REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and also means you miss out on important information during registration.

Lesson 1 begins at 8.30am and your child is expected to be on the school site by 8.20am. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn.

### COMPETITIONS

Before Easter, we held an "In it to win it" competition for all students who had 100% attendance between 20.03.23-30.03.23. The winning students won Easter Eggs and Love 2 Shop vouchers. We also awarded our "Random act of kindness" to thank students for attending school on that day. We look forward to launching our summer term competition when we return after Easter.



## KEEP YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE!!

If you have recently moved house, changed your phone number or email address please let us know by email including your child's name, tutor group and previous details for reference to:

[contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk](mailto:contactus@sirjonathannorth.org.uk)

IS YOUR  
CONTACT  
INFORMATION  
UP-TO-DATE?



## PARENT SURVEY REPORT ...



**405 of you responded (25.3%)**

**You strongly agreed with the following:**

- ◆ I am committed to working with the school
- ◆ The school offers a relevant, broad and balanced curriculum that has a good range of subjects available to my child
- ◆ The school is welcoming and supportive
- ◆ The buildings and grounds are well maintained and presented
- ◆ The school has good resources and facilities to assist with student learning

**Your feedback highlights, we have improved most in these areas since last year:**

- ◆ I am provided with suitable information on how I can support my child's learning school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.
- ◆ The school provides clear and valuable information about my child's progress and how they are doing.
- ◆ My child feels valued and respected at the school
- ◆ My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.

**As expected however, there are still areas in which we need to improve. These are:**

- ◆ The school deals with bullying quickly and effectively
- ◆ The amount of homework assigned to my child is appropriate for their ability.

In order to hear your views more fully and discuss these and other concerns you might have, we would like you invite you into school to speak to the leadership team about how we might improve further.

This meeting will take place on **Wednesday 26th April 5.30-6.30pm**. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to indicate your interest in attending so we can ensure we have an appropriate venue and refreshments.

We look forward to meeting with you in April.





EXPRESSIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT



Sir Jonathan North Girls College

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Book and Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN  
Music by ALAN MENKEN

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023  
7:00pm  
Doors open 6:30pm

Venue: Judgemeanow Community College  
LE5 6HP

Tickets £7  
Available from Ticketsource  
from 13<sup>th</sup> March



Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith  
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)  
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

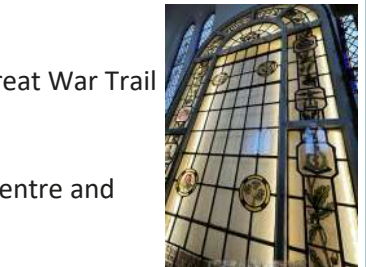
The Great War Leicester Trail

Every year, The Historic England Education department invites schools to the Great War Trail in Leicester City Centre.

Students from various schools come together to visit different locations in the centre and take part in activities, re-enactments and storytelling from the Great War.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students to take their learning outside of the classroom and engage with history in a new and exciting way.

Mr Singh  
Head of History



## BASKETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Rhiannon (year 8) who made it through to the East Midlands Aspire Basketball program. The Aspire Programme sessions are an important and a fundamental part of the Basketball England development program providing a pathway to the next level.



## DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## Year 7 Felt Making Workshop

On Wednesday 22 March 26 students participated in a felt making workshop. Using traditional techniques, they worked with the fabric to create fascinators, hair clips, brooches and keyrings.

Statement from Lillie-Mae and Alexis 7.1 below:

*"Today we were invited to an amazing experience where we created beautiful accessories using Merino wool. We were shown how to felt the wool and used templates to cut out the shapes. We layered them, hand sewed them together and attached them to Alice bands to make fascinators, hair clips, brooches and keyrings."*

*We investigated a range of artefacts from the museum dating back to the Victorian era. There were clothes, hats and banners, it was incredibly interesting and we would love to participate next year."*

Ms Eldredge  
Product Design





# LEARNING RESOURCES CENTRE...

This term the Library and the English team celebrated World book Day on Thursday 2nd March, also between 27 Feb-27 March we followed Readathon: Read for Good with City Libraries who donated lots of free books to SJGNC. We were one of the schools chosen from 30 city schools.

With the support of the English team, we had sessions with Leicester born Kavi Pujara talking about photobooks and how they can tell stories for World Book Day, and, cover other curriculum areas like History, Art, Sociology etc. We had invited Kavi Pujara into college, to inspire students to look at the publishing of books in so many different ways and formats.

Kavi is a self-taught photographer. working as a film editor for the BBC alongside independently making personal, documentary photo projects. 'The Golden Mile'. is his 1st photo series project, which he undertook when he returned to Leicester, after 27 years of living in London. The Golden Mile which is a one-mile stretch of road with sari shops, Indian restaurants, jewellers etc. which is just 10 minutes away from his home and his inspiration. This is an area where Kavi grew up and he says "It's about the arteries and veins that come from it, giving life to the parts of neighbourhood away from the central commercial throughfare. The Golden Mile is both an entry point and an ending, the last mile of a long journey to Britain". If you want to know more about him and his work, see the link below:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzmD6QubngI>

Mrs Vyas



Year 7 & 8 students were invited to participate in the Reading Rampage 2023 design a book cover Competition, write reviews, make book trailers, posters etc...of the books on offer.

We are delighted to have had some fabulous book designs and book trailers which you can view on SJN social media. We are also thrilled that the organisers have requested a year 7 book trailer to be shown at the celebratory event in June ...see below:













***'Thank you for sharing this amazing video trailer! Can we please also share this via Twitter? Could we please also show it at the celebration event in June with other schools and the Reading Rampage authors?'***

***Best Wishes  
Sonia***

# Eggscellent Easter Reads

Reading gives us a place to go when we have to stay where we are!

 <p>Age 10-11</p>	<p>he story features the adventures of young Charlie Bucket inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka. A Confectionery literary classic, enjoy your chocolate Eggs while reading this book!</p>	 <p>Age 10-11</p>	<p>Billy Plimpton is 11-year-old boy with a big dream to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up. A tough career for anyone, but hard for Billy, who has a stammer? How will he find his 'voice' if his voice won't let him speak? Then Billy bravely chooses to leave his primary school friends behind and go to a new school where he can make a fresh start. But, as always, there are some children who make fun of him. Can he use humour to defend himself and to turn the tables on them? By turns very funny, very sad, and totally uplifting, this is a book for all ages (even adults!).</p>	 <p>Age 10-11</p>	<p>At home, Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with getting ready for a new baby, and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie loves animals and thinks a new puppy to call her own is the answer, but when she goes to select one on her birthday, she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?</p>
 <p>Age 11-12</p>	<p>Maleeka suffers every day from the taunts of the other kids in her class. If they're not getting at her about her homemade clothes or her good grades, it's about her dark, black skin. When a new teacher, whose face is blotched with a startling white patch, starts at their school, Maleeka can see there is bound to be trouble for her too. But the new teacher's attitude surprises Maleeka. Miss Saunders loves the skin she's in. Can Maleeka learn to do the same?</p>	 <p>Age 12-13</p>	<p>Based on the true story of a lost French circus during the Indian rebellion, this book is a magical adventure full of tigers, circus skills and Hindu Gods where 3 children begin a dangerous journey across India against the backdrop of the 1857 Indian Rebellion in search of safety.</p>	 <p>Age 12-13</p>	<p>This is the first book in 'Soul Prophecy' series, and is an exciting, action-packed and fascinating adventure about Genna - hunted across lifetimes by a powerful long-forgotten enemy – and Phoenix, the boy who is destined to protect her in every life. Highly recommended!</p>
 <p>Age 13-14</p>	<p>Listed on Yoto Carnegie 2023 list. This story is following the aftermath of a stabbing. When 14-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society.</p>	 <p>Age 14-15</p>	<p>Rollicking feminist tale set in 1950s America which boldly explores rage, memory, and the tyranny of forced limitations. When Women Were Dragons exposes a world that wants to keep women small—their lives and their prospects—and examines what happens when they rise en masse and take up the space they deserve.</p>	 <p>Age 15-16</p>	<p>Aaron and Tillie don't know each other, but they are both feeling suicidal, and arrive at the George Washington Bridge at the same time, intending to jump. Aaron is a gay misfit struggling with depression and loneliness. Tillie isn't sure what her problem is -- only that she will never be good enough. On the bridge, there are four things that could happen: Aaron jumps and Tillie doesn't. Tillie jumps and Aaron doesn't. They both jump. Neither of them jumps.</p>
				 <p>Age 15-16</p>	<p>London is everything to 16-year old Cynthia, so when her parents move her to a place where there is only one bus an hour and the faint smell of horse manure continuously permeates the air, it's a culture shock, to say the least. As is transitioning to a private school. At her new school, Cynthia immediately finds herself caught between two brothers - head boy Thomas, who is white, and his adopted Black brother, Isaac. An authentic love story tackling the complexities of growing up Black and British.</p>

# HELP AND SUPPORT...

<p><b>Anxiety UK</b> is a user-led organisation that supports anyone with anxiety, phobias, panic attacks or other anxiety-related disorders. <b>03444 775 774</b> or text <b>07537 416 905</b></p> 	<p><b>Kooth</b> is an online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop.</p> 	<p><b>Muslim Youth Helpline</b> is a charity that provides free and confidential faith and culturally sensitive support services targeted at vulnerable young people in the UK. <b>0808 808 2008</b></p> 	<p><b>Rethink Mental Illness</b> helps those affected by severe mental illness</p> 
<p><b>Beat</b> act as a champion, guide and friend to anyone affected by eating disorders, giving individuals experiencing an eating disorder and their loved ones a place where they feel listened to, supported and empowered. <b>0808 801 0711</b></p> 	<p><b>LifeSIGNS</b> provide information about self-injury and support people as and when they choose to make changes in their lives. You can call any time and leave them a message on their voicemail, asking for a call back when we're open again.</p> 	<p><b>The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA)</b> provide a free helpline and support service to help address the needs of children growing up in families where one or both parents suffer from alcoholism or a similar addictive problem. <b>0800 358 3456</b></p> 	<p><b>Samaritans</b> offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. <b>116 123</b></p> 
<p><b>CALM</b> (Campaign Against Living Miserably) is a helpline for young males aged 16 to 35 years, suffering from depression and low self-esteem. It offers counselling, advice and information. <b>0800 58 58 58</b> (or London based callers can dial <b>0808 802 58 58</b>)</p> 	<p><b>Mind</b> provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health issue. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. <b>0300 123 3393</b></p> 	<p><b>National Self Harm Network</b> is a forum that provides support for individuals who self harm, and for families and carers that may be affected by self harm.</p> 	<p><b>School Nurse</b> The school nurse service can still be contacted by text <b>07520 615386</b> or call on <b>0116 215 3230</b>.</p> 
<p><b>Childline</b> provides help for anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. <b>0800 1111</b></p> 	<p><b>MindEd for Families</b> give safe and reliable advice to parents and carers about young people's mental health.</p> 	<p><b>OCD Action</b> provide support and information to anybody affected by OCD. <b>0845 390 6232</b></p> 	<p><b>Selfharm UK</b> (Now ALUMINA) exist in order to support and nurture young people who may be experiencing difficulties with self-harm.</p> 
<p><b>Ditch The Label</b> help young people navigate through issues related to bullying, such as improving mental health, body image, coming out and building confidence and self-esteem.</p> 	<p><b>The Mix</b> is the UK's free, confidential helpline service for young people under 25 who need help, but don't know where to turn. <b>0808 808 4994</b></p> 	<p><b>Papyrus</b> gives non-judgemental support, advice and information for those dealing with suicide, depression or emotional distress. <b>08000 68 41 41</b></p> 	<p><b>Young Minds</b> provides information, advice and training for young people, parents, carers and professionals.</p> 
<p><b>Doc Ready</b> is a digital tool that helps young people to prepare and make the most out of mental health related GP visits. It helps young people to know what to expect during a GP consultation, plan what to say and record the outcomes of their appointments.</p> 	<p><b>Moodscope</b> exist in order to help people to positively manage their moods.</p> 	<p><b>Recover Your Life (RYL)</b> is one of the biggest and best Self-Harm Support Communities on the internet.</p> 	



# WHAT'S ON ...

# EASTER CAMP

AT KNIGHTON TENNIS CENTRE



Dedicated Tennis Camp for junior players - Mini Red, Orange, Green & Tennis Ball 10+

Coaching all strokes, match-play with lots of fun activities & games.


Staff are First Aid trained and have full DBS checks.

£35.00 per day or £120.00 for all 4 days (paid in advance). Sibling discount offered. Payment to be made via bank transfer. Contact **Greg Goddard** to register your interest.

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 Chris (coach) - 07912 873 636

## DATES

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
April -  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 2023

## TIMES

8:00AM - 4:00PM

(activities start at  
09:00)



SIR JONATHAN NORTH  
GIRLS' COLLEGE  
Unihart Educational Trust